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S E C R E T DAMASCUS 2111

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI

SUBJECT: REPORTED COUP IN SYRIA

REF: USDAO BEIRUT 0278 APR 76

1. REFTEL ARRIVED WHILE I IN MIDST LISTENING TO LIVE BROADCAST FROM UNIVERSITY OF DAMASCUS CELEBRATING 29TH ANNIVERSARY OF BAATH PARTY FOUNDATION. AS OF 1945 LOCAL, REPEATED REFERENCES TO ASAD WERE EXCITING, CUSTOMARY, RITUAL WILD APPLAUSE BY CLAQUE OF PARTY FAITHFUL. PRESIDENT HIMSELF REPORTEDLY IN ATTENDANCE.

2. QUICK TOUR PAST AREA OF PRESIDENCY, MIN DEFENSE, PRIME MINISTRY AND SYRIAN TELEVISION HEADQUARTERS REVEALS NOTHING UNUSUAL.

3. OPS COORDINATOR RECONNED CHECKPOINTS LEADING TO AIRPORT ARTERIES AN HOUR AGO. NO UNUSUAL EVIDENCE OF MILITARY ACTIVITY. CITY TRAFFIC NORMAL. NO ROADBLOCKS OR TANK MOVEMENTS.

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